

Bulls outshine Jordan, Wizards with trade

NEW YORK (AP) — Jerry Krause stole the spotlight from Michael Jordan at the NBA draft on Wednesday, dealing his best player — Elton Brand — to the Clippers for unproven 18-year-old center Tyson Chandler.

On a night when high school seniors were chosen first, second, fourth and eighth, the crowd at Madison Square Garden let out an astonished howl when commissioner David Stern announced the Clippers-Bulls trade. It was the surprise moment of a night that saw Jordan make history by becoming the first NBA executive to select a high school player first overall as the Washington Wizards chose 19-year-old Kwame Brown of Glynn Academy in Brunswick, Ga.

Chandler, a 7-foot-1 center from Dominguez H.S. in Compton, Calif., went second before Pau Gasol, a forward for F.C. Barcelona, went third to Atlanta.

Gasol will eventually end up in Memphis with the Grizzlies as part of a trade that sent Shareef Abdur-Rahim to the Hawks for Lorenzen Wright, Brevin Knight and Gasol. That deal won't be official until July 18.

In another trade, the New Jersey Nets sent the rights to Eddie Griffin, selected seventh overall, to the Houston Rockets for the rights to their three first-round picks: Arizona forward Richard Jefferson (No. 13 overall), Stanford center Jason Collins (No. 18) and Pepperdine guard Brandon Armstrong (No. 23).

The Bulls used the fourth pick on another high school senior, Eddy Curry of Thornwood H.S. in South Holland, Ill.

Curry averaged 22 points, nine rebounds and six blocked shots for Thornwood, which went 31-1 last season. The 6-foot-11, 285-pound Curry was the MVP of the McDonald's All-America game.

Brown, a 6-foot-11, 240-pound center from Glynn Academy in Brunswick, Ga., stood up and hugged his family before walking on stage, smiling broadly, and shaking Stern's hand.

Stern, who has proposed a minimum age of 20 for incoming NBA players, wore a smile of his own as he watched Brown become the youngest player ever to hear his name announced first at an NBA draft.

Six high school seniors made themselves eligible for this year's draft, and four were first-round picks.

Brown originally planned to attend the University of Florida before changing his mind when he learned he might be chosen among the top five.

As a high school senior, he averaged 20.1 points and 13.3 rebounds and was selected player of the year in Georgia

The Wizards considered trading the pick, but

Jordan locked in on a player with enormous potential in a draft considered top heavy with big men.

"We were entertaining possibilities, but nothing could change our minds as to what he could do for the Washington Wizards," Jordan said.

Chandler, 18, has been a starter on one of the nation's top high school teams since his freshman season. Earlier this year, it was believed he and Curry might be drafted first and second overall.

The first player with any college experience to be drafted was Michigan State sophomore Jason Richardson, who went to the Golden State Warriors with the fifth pick.

College Player of the Year Shane Battier of Duke went sixth overall to the Grizzlies, whose move from Vancouver to Memphis is expected to be formally approved soon by the league's

Board of Governors.

Battier averaged 19.9 points for the Blue Devils as they won the national championship last season.

The Nets selected 19-year-old Seton Hall freshman Griffin, and Cleveland used the eighth selection on high school senior DeSagana Diop of Oak Hill Academy (Va.), a 7-footer originally from Senegal.

The Detroit Pistons selected Charlotte freshman Rodney White with the ninth pick.

In trades involving second-round picks, the Magic fulfilled their obligation to send a future first-round pick to Denver by trading Omar Cook, who they selected 32nd overall, to the Nuggets.

High school senior Ousmane Cisse of Montgomery, Ala., went 47th to Denver, and Cincinnati point guard Kenny Satterfield dropped all the way to 54th, where he was taken by Dallas.

Relief pitching lifts Rockies

DENVER (AP) — Throughout his career, left-hander Mike Myers has been a specialist — usually facing one or two batters in tight situations.

With Colorado Rockies manager Buddy Bell's options limited, Myers delivered a rare two-inning performance and was nearly rewarded with a victory.

Jeff Cirillo singled home the winning run in the ninth inning Wednesday night, and Colorado overcame a 6-1 deficit to beat the San Diego Padres 10-9.

Cirillo, Ben Petrick, Todd Walker and pinch-hitter Terry Shumpert homered for the Rockies. Petrick drove in four runs.

"The first inning, I struggled a little bit with my control, the second inning I found it," said Myers, who struck out two and pitched out of a bases-loaded situation in the seventh inning. "Petrick helped me out a lot, and fortunately they were swinging and missing."

Cirillo said the comeback, Colorado's biggest this season, brought back memories of the past, when the Rockies made a habit of coming back.

"You know you are playing in Coors Field, but at the same time, we weren't playing well, five runs almost seem insurmountable," Cirillo said.

Manager Buddy Bell said, "We needed one bad, and if you're going to win one, you might as well win one like this. There were a lot of things that happened, good and bad. It's nice to be able to win one when we really needed it."

The Padres tied it at 9 in the ninth on Phil Nevin's two-out single off Jose Jimenez (4-1).

But Neifi Perez led off the bottom half with a triple against Tom Davey (2-3).

Larry Walker was walked intentionally and, after Rudy Seanez relieved, Cirillo hit the first pitch over right fielder Mike Darr's head.

"As soon as I saw the ball in the gap, I thought triple all the way," said Perez, whose eighth triple of the year matches Philadelphia's Jimmy Rollins for the NL lead.

"There was nothing that was going to stop me."

Colorado won for just the second time in 10 games, but the 18th comeback win this year and 31st for the Rockies in the history of Coors Field.

The Padres lost a day before eight-time NL batting champion Tony Gwynn was expected to announce that he'll retire at the end of the season. Gwynn is currently on the 15-day disabled list.

The Rockies trailed 8-6 to start the eighth.

After a bunt single by Todd Helton and a double by Walker, a passed ball by Ben Davis and a single by Petrick tied it.

"Petrick hurt us with the home run, but probably just as much with that ball that just happened to get though," San Diego manager Bruce Bochy said. "He hit it good. It just had eyes."

Mark Kotsay had four hits, including a three-run homer, and scored four runs for the Padres.

Woody Williams worked 5 1-3 innings, allowing six runs and eight hits, and failed to win for his seventh straight start.

The Padres chased Brian Bohanon with a five-run fourth, with Rickey Henderson hitting a two-run single and Kotsay homering.

"This won hurt because it ends our winning streak," Davis said. "We take five of six on the trip and now have to pick it back up at home."

Notes: San Diego RHP Brian Tollberg worked three innings and gave up four runs and three hits in a rehab start for Triple-A Portland.

RHP Shawn Chacon will be moved back to next Tuesday to allow Mike Hampton to pitch on four days' rest on Sunday at Arizona.

Padres C Wiki Gonzalez will be sent to Class A Lake Elsinore for a week-end rehab assignment.

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Four local bowlers win state at Wichita

Four Goodland bowlers are state champions after winning their division May 26 and 27 at the state tournament in Wichita..

Laura McClung, Bobbie Delon, Julie Crow and Brenda Chatfield bowled three games and recorded a total score of 2909 with their handicap included.

The team bowled six games on May 26 and three on May 27.

McClung, Delon, and Crow were each participating in the tournament for the first time while Chatfield played for the second year.

In addition to their team championship, McClung placed first in singles and received a championship watch. The team received championship jackets.

Rockies, Astros swap relief pitchers

PHOENIX (AP) — The Houston Astros traded reliever Jay Powell to the Colorado Rockies on Wednesday night for pitcher Ron Villone and cash considerations.

Royals rally in ninth for win over Tigers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — With Carlos Beltran in a 1-for-26 skid, Kansas City Royals manager Tony Muser dropped him from third to seventh in the batting order this week.

Beltran went 4-for-4 with a home run, stole two bases and scored twice Wednesday night as the Royals rallied for two runs in the ninth inning to defeat the Detroit Tigers 5-4.

Beltran said he was not mad at being moved down.

"I don't get upset as long as I'm in the lineup, that's fine with me," he said. "I started off doing well hitting third, but then I got in a little slump."

Beltran began the ninth with an infield single, stole second and scored on Brent Mayne's single. Mayne has six RBIs in two games since he was acquired in a trade Sunday with the Colorado Rockies.

Mayne went to second on the throw home, but was out trying to advance on Luis Alicea's comebacker.

Alicea stole second and scored the winning run on Endy Chavez's one-out single off Todd Jones (3-5). Chavez snapped an 0-for-21 skid.

Roberto Hernandez (2-2) picked up the victory despite blowing a save chance in the top of the ninth

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